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In re Application of

Freidoon Mehrad et al

Application No. 09/594,118

Filed: June 14, 2000

Attorney Docket No. TI-23205.1

:DECISION ACCORDING STATUS

:UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed concurrently with the above-identified application.¹

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is a copy of the petition submitted in parent Application No. 09/120,712, filed on October 13, 1998, and which was not granted until March 5, 2002, after the filing of the instant divisional application. 37 CFR 1.63(d)(3) states:

Where the executed oath or declaration of which a copy is submitted for a continuation or divisional application was originally filed in a prior application accorded status under § 1.47, the copy of the executed oath or declaration for such prior application must be accompanied by:

(i) A copy of the decision granting a petition to accord § 1.47 status to the prior application, unless all inventors or legal representatives have filed an oath or declaration to join in an application accorded status under § 1.47 of which the continuation or divisional application claims a benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c).

¹ The existence of the instant petition was only recently brought to the attention of the deciding official's office. The Office sincerely apologizes for the delay in responding to the instant petition and any inconvenience caused petitioner by this delay.

The petition was not accompanied by a copy of the decision granting a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) in the prior application because, at the time of filing, the petition had not yet been decided in the parent application. Therefore, in order to expedite processing of this application, a copy of the decision granting 37 CFR 1.47(a) status to the parent application has been made and placed in the instant divisional application.

The above-identified application and papers are now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), no notice of this application's filing will be forwarded to the nonsigning inventor nor will such notice be published in the Official Gazette² since notice regarding the filing of the prior application was given to the nonsigning inventor.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being returned to Publishing Division.

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² Note <u>Federal Register</u>, Vol. 65, No. 175; Friday, September 8, 2000.



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Application No. 09/120,712

Filed: July 22, 1998

Attorney Docket No: TI-23205

: DECISION GRANTING

:STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 13, 1998.1

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby <u>accorded Rule 1.47(a)</u> status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the nonsigning inventor. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being returned to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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